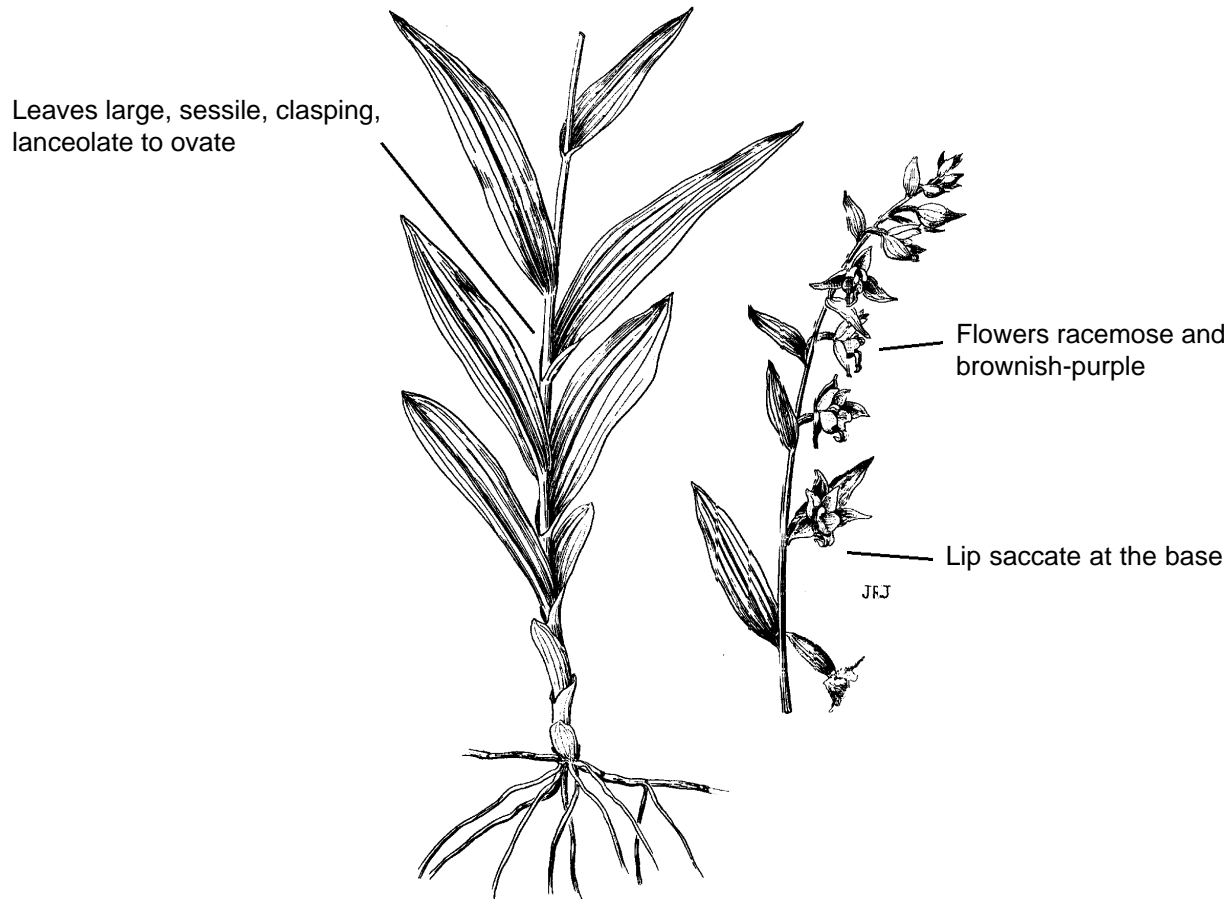


Rhizomatous plants to 3 feet tall



Scientific Name: *Epipactis gigantea* Dougl. ex Hook.

Bibliographic Reference: Douglas ex Hooker, 1839. Fl. Boreali-Amer. 2:202. , pl. 202.

Common Name: Chatterbox orchid

Family (Common Name): Orchidaceae (Orchid Family)

Synonyms: *Limodorum giganteum* Kuntze; *Peramium giganteum* J. M. Coulter; *Serapias gigantea* A. A. Eat.; *Helleborine gigantea* Druce; *Amesia gigantea* Nels. & Macbr.

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: State Priority 1

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S3

Distribution: Adams, Boise, Bonner, Boundary, Camas, Clark, Custer, Elmore, Gooding, Idaho, Jerome, Lemhi, Madison, Owyhee, Twin Falls, and Valley counties, Idaho; British Columbia. to Baja California, and most of w N. Amer. to the Rocky Mountains and S. Dakota to n Sonora, Mexico.

Phenology: April to early August.

Habitat: Calcareous hot or cold springs, from 800-2000 m elevation.

Look-alikes: None. A very distinct genus in vegetative condition and in flower. Easily recognized by its large stature, large lanceolate to ovate sessile clasping leaves and the racemose inflorescence, brownish-purplish flowers and lip saccate at the base.



Habitat of *Epipactis gigantea*

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Closeup of *Epipactis gigantea*

Peter Lesica

Species
Distribution

